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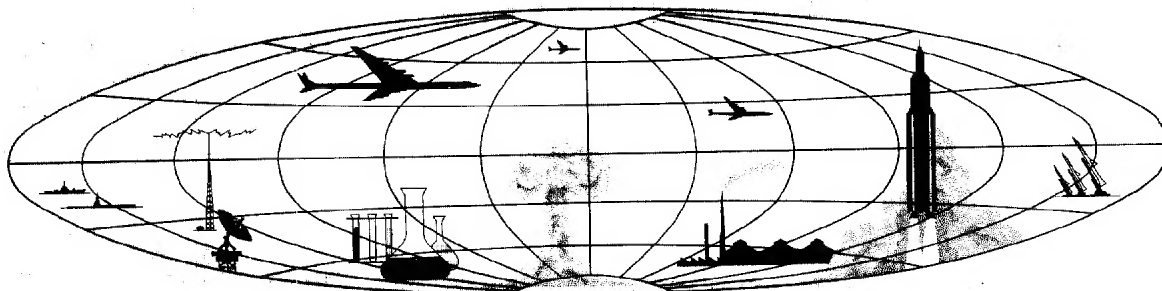
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3517, DATED 27 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (ONE CANVAS-COVERED), A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), A CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE-HOLD AREA, AND A CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED TRANSPORTER, A CANVAS-COVERED HOLD AREA, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

25X1A

AREA CONTAINS 28 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS, AND 4 PROBABLE TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANES.

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25X1D

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25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.  
CABLE TRENCHING IN PROGRESS.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 3 NET  
OR CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, 13 VEHICLES, AND  
AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS (ONE CANVAS-COVERED), 7  
CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 8 MISSILE CRATES,  
18 VEHICLES, 10 CANVAS-COVERED PROBABLE PRIME-MOVERS,  
AND A PARTIALLY CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OF CRATES AND VEHICLES.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

AIRCRAFT -- 4 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE CRATE.  
BEAMS FOR HANGAR ROOF ARE NOW IN PLACE.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 37 FISHBED, 3 FARMER, 25 FAGOT/FRESCO,  
11 B-26, 3 T-33, 3 T-6, 3 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-  
ENGINE, AND 3 LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1D

25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, ONE BRITANNIA, 3 C-54,  
ONE LODESTAR, 2 CRATE, 5 CAB, ONE C-46, ONE  
LIAISON-TYPE, ONE B-26, ONE CESSNA 310, AND  
ONE COLT.

25X1D

25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 10 COLT, 31 LIAISON/TRAINER, 3 CRATE,  
AND ONE CAB.

25X1D

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 54 HOUND, 3 HARE, 2 BELL HELICOPTERS,  
2 CRATE, AND ONE C-47.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

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-PORTS-

25X1A

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D  
VESSELS -- ONE COASTAL TANKER HEADED FOR PORT,  
ONE PF, ONE PC, AND 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG.

25X1A

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

25X1D  
NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1A

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

25X1D  
NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1A

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D  
VESSELS -- 19 LARGE FREIGHTERS INCLUDING THE  
TSIMLYANSKES-TYPE (BOOMS ACTIVE, LIGHTERS ALONGSIDE)  
AT ANCHOR, 3 LARGE TANKERS, 6 TRAWLERS, 10 COASTAL  
FREIGHTERS, 5 PC, ONE KRONSTADT-CLASS PC, ONE PF,  
ONE PROBABLE PF, AND 4 PT.

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

25X1D  
VESSELS -- ATKARSK-TYPE FREIGHTER AT THE OROZCO PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

25X1D  
NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

CAMP CONTAINS 9 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 40 TANKS/SP GUNS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 4 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 9 SNAPPERS, 9 FA PIECES, 203 CARGO TRUCKS, 16 UTILITY TRUCKS, 13 VAN TRUCKS, 85 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 57 EIGHT-WHEELED APC, 13 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 2 LOWBOY TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE NEW TENT AREA.

25X1D

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. FOUR VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

CAMP CONTAINS 14 LARGE, 24 MEDIUM, AND 22 SMALL TENTS, 35 TANKS/SP GUNS, 12 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 9 SNAPPERS, 5 FA PIECES, 268 CARGO TRUCKS, 24 UTILITY TRUCKS, 10 POL TRUCKS, 5 VAN TRUCKS, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 16 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 15 CARGO TRAILERS, 4 POL TRAILERS AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES. IN ADDITION, 3 CARGO TRUCKS WITH LOWBOY TRAILERS IN TOW ARE PARKED NEAR THE MOTOR PARK. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.

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25X1A

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

SIX TRACTOR TRAILERS IN AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

CAMP CONTAINS 40 LARGE, 9 MEDIUM, AND 15 SMALL TENTS, 13 TANKS/SP GUNS (2 OF WHICH ARE ON THE DRIVER TRAINING COURSE), 3 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 20 CARGO TRUCKS, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 13 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.

25X1D

25X1A

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREAS LISTED --  
REFORMATORY PROPER -- 25 LARGE, 12 MEDIUM, AND 6 SMALL TENTS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 5 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.  
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 10 LARGE, 19 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 78 CARGO TRUCKS, 22 UTILITY TRUCKS, 51 VAN TRUCKS, 54 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 19 CARGO TRAILERS.  
MOTOR PARK, .7 NM SSW -- ONE MEDIUM AND 8 SMALL TENTS, 21 CARGO TRUCKS, 51 VAN TRUCKS, ONE POL TRUCK, ONE UTILITY TRUCK, AND 30 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.  
MOTOR PARK, .9 NM SE -- 35 CARGO TRUCKS, 2 UTILITY TRUCKS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 100 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 22 CARGO TRAILERS.  
AAA SITE, 1.5 NM SSE -- 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 14 CARGO TRUCKS, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 3 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 3 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.  
BILLETING AREA, 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 28 CARGO TRUCKS, 2 UTILITY TRUCKS, 26 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 POSSIBLE K-61 TRACKED AMPHIBIANS, AND 4 PROBABLE HEAVY PONTOON BRIDGES.  
MOTOR PARK, 1.2 NM SW -- 14 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, 12 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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25X1D

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25X1A

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY 2221N 07957W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE DRIVE-THROUGH BUNKER AREA.  
THREE CANVAS-COVERED POSSIBLE TANKS/SP GUNS ARE  
LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM ESE OF THE BUNKER AT A  
PROBABLE FIRING RANGE.

25X1D

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25X1A

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

AREA CONTAINS 15 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY  
20 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

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25X1A

CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

CAMP CONTAINS 13 TANKS/SP GUNS, 3 PROBABLE TANKS/SP  
GUNS, AND 23 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

25X1D

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25X1A

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2300N 08210W

CAMP CONTAINS 17 FA PIECES, 6 POSSIBLE FA PIECES, AND  
34 VEHICLES.

25X1D

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25X1A

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA CONTAINS 33 FA PIECES, 49 VEHICLES, AND  
20 TRACKED PRIME-MOVERS.  
WEST AREA CONTAINS 12 VEHICLES TOWING MACHINE  
GUNS OR MORTARS, AND 10 ADDITIONAL VEHICLES.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 6 CANVAS-COVERED TANKS.  
AREA 2 -- 8 VEHICLES.  
AREA 3 -- 23 TANKS/SP GUNS AND 5 UNIDENTIFIED  
VEHICLES.

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE AT THE STORAGE SITES.  
APPROXIMATELY 62 MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES VISIBLE  
IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE  
LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1  
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2  
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE  
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4  
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2

2257N 08239W  
2239N 07951W  
2225N 07935W  
2246N 08258W  
2257N 08236W

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TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	2300N 08226W
LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE	2252N 08233W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W
MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08217W
PURIO, MILITARY AREA	2233N 07952W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2303N 08218W
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W

25X1D

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LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION

2301N 08245W

25X1D

25X1D

CUEVA DEL CURA

2302N 08206W

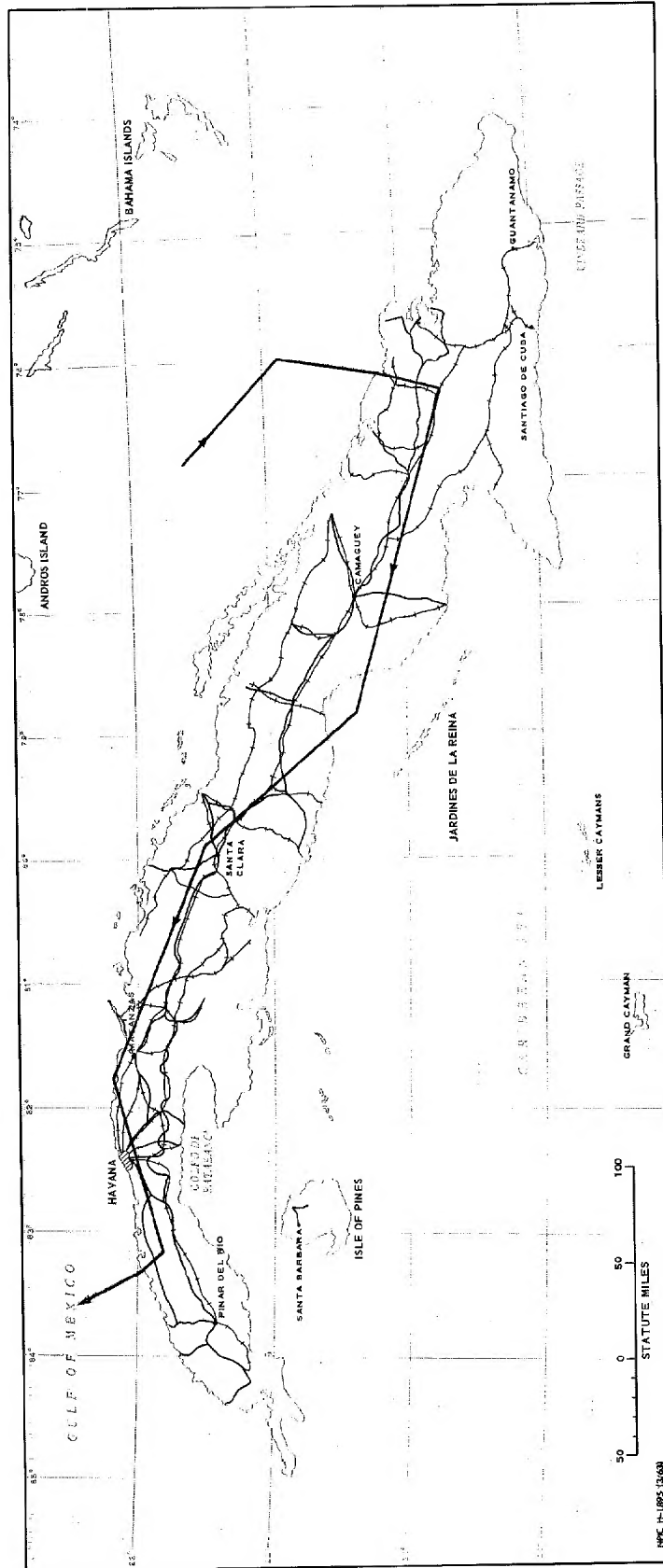
THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

CHAPARRA SAM SITE

2107N 07626W

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